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SUBJ: UNSC VETO: SUDAN COMMENTS

1. FONMIN REACTION. DURING CALL ON FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID AUG 8, CHARGE NOTED FONMIN'S RECENT INTERVIEW IN ARMED FORCES WEEKLY (KHARTOUM 1760) TAXING US FOR UNSC VETO. FONMIN REPLIED THAT ARMED FORCES WEEKLY ARTICLE ("...US ISOLATION... A SUCCESS FOR ARAB DIPLOMACY") HAD SOMEWHAT MISREPRESENTED HIS VIEWS. ACTUALLY, HE VERY MUCH REGRETTED US VETO AND HAD EXPECTED WE WOULD ABSTAIN AND THEREBY AVOID POSITION IN WHICH US NOW PLACED. HE ALSO STATED US VETO HAD NOT BEEN ARAB GOAL AND EGYPTIAN FONMIN ZAYYAT, PARTICULARLY, HAD HOPED FOR AN AMERICAN ABSTENTION.

2. SISCO INTERVIEW. CHARGE NOTED (A) RATIONALE US ACTION ALONG LINES EXPRESSED AT TIME BY AMBASSADOR SCALI AND THAT US "WILLING TO PAY COST" IN ORDER KEEP OPEN PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT, AND (B) RECENT ASST SEC SISCO INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN ISRAEL ON NEED FOR BOTH PARTIES REVIEW THEIR POSITIONS INCLUDING BELIEF ISRAEL SHOULD CONSIDER "PRIMING PUMP OF NEGOTIATIONS". FONMIN SHOWED IMMEDIATE INTEREST AND SAID HE VERY MUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD LIKE TO SEE SISCO COMMENT (SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED

BY INFORMAL LETTER.) AS TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS,
FONMIN NOTED HE PLACED LITTLE HOPE IN WALDHEIM MISSION,
BUT ONE WOULD JUST HAVE TO "WAIT AND SEE".

3. CHARGE EARLIER DEBRIEFED RASHID ABU SHAMA, DIR. ARABIC
AFF WHO JUST RETURNED FROM UNSC SESSION. ABU SHAMA
NOTED HE DID NOT BELIEVE VETOED RESOLUTION DIFFERED IN
SUBSTANCE FROM RES. 242 (ALTHOUGH HE ALLOWED INCLUSION
OF "THE" WAS A DEPARTURE). HE ALSO SAID EGYPTIANS HAD NOT
SOUGHT AN AMERICAN VETO, ALTHOUGH SYRIA CERTAINLY WISHED
IT. AS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS, HE MADE NO PREDICTIONS,
BUT REPEATED SEVERAL TIME ARAB STATES WOULD DEFINITELY
ACCEPT DEMILITARIZATION SUEZ FRONT.
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